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In re Application of:

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Infusion Needles

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Sir:

The following is a response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004.

Claims 39-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sweeney et al. (US 5,746,726) in view of Newby et al. (US 6,436,086) and further in view of Burns (US 5,643,219).

Claim 39 recites an intravenous device that has a body having a through passage whereto its one end a needle extends and its other end a flexible tubing connected. A housing is molded to and integrally extends from the one end of the body. Claim 44 recites a safety intravenous assembly that likewise includes a body having a one end and an other end through which a passage extends, with a needle extending from the one and a flexible tube extending from the other end. The body is formed from a mold and has integrally attaching thereto a housing that is also formed from the mold. Claim 48 recites an intravenous device that has a winged body that has one end and an other end, with a